

Floristics and life-forms along a topographic gradient, central-western Ceará, Brazil

Florística e formas de vida ao longo de um gradiente topográfico no centro-oeste do estado do Ceará, Brasil

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Abstract

To test whether the flora is organized in discrete or continuous units along a topographic gradient, three physiognomies were assessed on different soil classes in a semi-arid region of northeastern Brazil: *caatinga* (xeric shrubland) at altitudes from 300 to 500 m, deciduous forest at altitudes from 500 to 700 m and *carrasco* (deciduous shrubland) at 700 m. In each physiognomy a species inventory was carried out, and plants were classified according to life- and growth-forms. Species richness was higher in the deciduous forest (250) than in the *carrasco* (136) and *caatinga* (137). The *caatinga* shared only a few species with the *carrasco* (6 species) and the deciduous forest (18 species). The highest species overlap was between the deciduous forest and the *carrasco* (62 species). One hundred and four species occurred only in the *caatinga*, 161 only in the deciduous forest and 59 only in the *carrasco*. Woody species predominated in physiognomies on sedimentary soils with latosol and arenosol: 124 species occurred in the deciduous forest and 68 in the *carrasco*. In the *caatinga* on crystalline basement relief with predominance of planosol, herbs showed the highest species richness (69). Comparing the biological spectrum of Brazilian plant life-forms, the *caatinga* stood out with higher proportion of therophytes and chamaephytes. Considering the flora of the three phytophysiognomies studied here, we can affirm that the *caatinga* is a discrete floristic unit.

Key words: vegetation classification, biological spectrum, growth-form, phytoclimate, plant community.

Resumo

Para verificar se a composição florística constitui unidades discretas ou contínuas ao longo de um gradiente topográfico foram analisadas três fitofisionomias (*caatinga* sobre altitudes de 300 a 500 m, floresta decídua sobre altitudes de 500 a 700 m e *carrasco* sobre altitudes de 700 m) sobre classes de solos distintas no semi-árido setentrional do Nordeste do Brasil. Em cada fisionomia foi realizado o levantamento das espécies, as quais foram classificadas em formas de vida e de crescimento. A riqueza de espécies foi maior na floresta decídua (250) do que no *carrasco* (136) e na *caatinga* (137). A *caatinga* apresentou poucas espécies em comum com as fitofisionomias de *carrasco* ou de floresta decídua (6 e 18 espécies). A maior sobreposição de espécies ocorreu entre a floresta decídua e o *carrasco*, 62 espécies. Foram exclusivas da *caatinga*, floresta decídua e do *carrasco*, 104, 161 e 59 espécies, respectivamente. Quanto às formas de crescimento, nas fisionomias sobre relevo sedimentar com Latossolo e Arenosolo predominaram espécies lenhosas: 124 na floresta decídua e 68 no *carrasco*. Na *caatinga* sobre relevo do embasamento cristalino com predominância de Planossolo, a maior riqueza de espécies (69) foi de ervas. Na análise comparativa do espectro biológico com outras formações brasileiras, o de *caatinga* se destacou dos demais, constituindo uma unidade individualizada pela maior proporção de terófitos e caméfitos. Em relação à flora das três fisionomias, objeto deste estudo, pode-se afirmar que a da *caatinga* representa uma unidade discreta.

Palavras-chave: classificação de vegetação; espectro biológico; forma de crescimento; fitoclima, comunidade vegetal.

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Introduction

At a global scale, the main environmental variables used to classify vegetation are climate zones. A group of similar vegetation types that occur in similar climate zones in different continents is known as a vegetation-type or biome (Whittaker 1975, 1978a, b; Box & Fujiwara 2005).

Changes in topography or microclimate can affect the biology of the vegetation, leading to particularities that can be detected only at a local scale (Spellerberg & Sawyer 1999). Gradual changes in climate related to topography or to distance from the ocean, at a small scale, result in continuous vegetation units, which makes a classification based on floristic attributes difficult. However, when a climate variable is associated with different soil types, the regional flora may be discontinuously distributed, forming discrete communities, whose limits, along a topographic gradient, can be determined by an analysis of floristic composition and of the main growth- or life-forms of the plant species (Whittaker 1975; Box & Fujiwara 2005).

To describe community types it is necessary to characterize plant forms, since physiognomy results from the dominant forms that compose a community (Whittaker 1975). Classes or types of plant forms are called growth-forms; this classification usually does not correspond to the categories used by taxonomists to classify plants. Height, woody or herbaceous habit, stem form, leaf form and intensity of leaf deciduousness are characteristics used to define the following types of growth-forms (Whittaker 1975): trees, shrubs, lianas, epiphytes, herbs and thallophytes.

Instead of using a system of multiple characteristics such as the growth-form system proposed by Whittaker (1975), the life-form system of Raunkiaer (1934) is based on a single characteristic: the relationship between the position of the perennial tissue (meristem), which remains inactive during the winter or dry season, and the growth surface. The life-form of a species represents a set of life history characteristics selected by the environment. Raunkiaer (1934) classified plants into five life-forms: phanerophytes, chamaephytes, hemicyptophytes, cryptophytes and therophytes.

The world spectrum, or normal spectrum, was calculated by Raunkiaer (1934) based on a representative sample of all the vascular flora of the world. From that sample, the patterns recorded

in different directions reflect environmental effects, especially related to climate, on plant adaptations observed in a community (Raunkiaer 1934). Hence, whereas the growth-form classification is used to characterize community structure (because some forms are dominant or more conspicuous), the life-form spectrum describes environmental adaptations of the species that compose that community (Whittaker 1975; Raunkiaer 1934). Indirectly, this system provides information on local seasonality. According to Whittaker (1975), life-forms are not a structural attribute, but a floristic attribute: when the number of species is converted into percentage of life-forms, this percentage would represent the spectrum of life-forms in this community or geographic area. The fact that a given community is characterized by particular life-forms indicates species convergence toward certain environmental conditions; and this represents a functional attribute of the community.

In the present study, we assessed life-forms, growth-forms and floristic composition of three neighboring physiognomies that occur under different climates, soils and topographies. These community attributes were determined for an area located in the semi-arid region of northeastern Brazil, which comprises two geomorphological units: sedimentary basin and crystalline basement.

Based on these data, we tested the following predictions: i) the floras of the two geomorphological units are different, and constitute two discrete units; ii) the life-form spectrum varies according to altitude and soil type, probably as a consequence of differences in water availability, resulting mainly in the occurrence of phanerophytes in the sedimentary basin and of therophytes in the crystalline basement.

Material and Methods

Location and environmental characterization of the study area

Serra das Almas Natural Reserve covers an area of 5,646 ha, and is located between the coordinates 5°15'–5°00'S and 40°15'–41°00'W (Fig. 1). The study area has three physiognomies: i) *caatinga* (xeric shrubland) with an area of 17.10 km² (29.19%), ii) seasonal deciduous forest with an area of 27.93 km² (47.64%) and iii) *carrasco* (deciduous shrubland) (Rougerie 1988) with an area of 11.79 km² (20.12%).

The study area is located in two geomorphological units: i) the crystalline basement complex, with flat to slightly undulating relief and

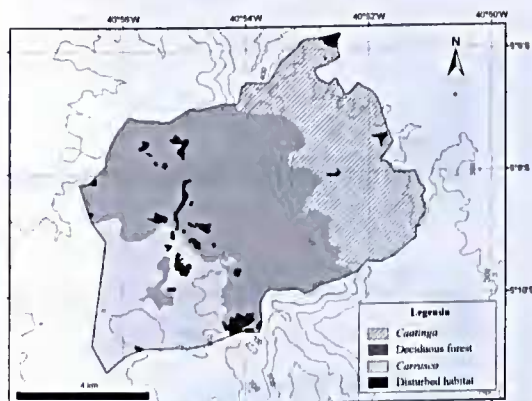


Figure 1 – Location of Serra das Almas Natural Reserve, Crateús, state of Ceará, Brazil.

low altitude (c. 400 m) and ii) the Meio Norte sedimentary basin, on its eastern margin, which forms an asymmetric euesta, known as Ibiapaba Plateau (altitudes between 500 and 700 m).

The caatinga occurs in the crystalline basement complex, where the dominant classes of soils are: Solodie Planosol, Solodized Solonetz (natric Planosols) and Lithic soils (Lithic Neosols) at altitudes that vary from 300 to 500 m.

In the Meio Norte sedimentary basin, on Ibiapaba Plateau, the Latosol occurs on the eastern hogback and quartz sand (quartzarenic neosols) on the top and backside (Brasil 1972). The deciduous forest occurs on the eastern hogback of the plateau, on Latosol, at altitudes between 500 and 700 m. The carrasco is present on the backside of the plateau, on quartz sand, at altitudes of ca. 700 m. We emphasize that the Ibiapaba Plateau is a 'euesta', with higher asymmetry in its southern part, our study area, where there is no top, but an inverted V-shaped topography where the leeward on the backside exhibits a smooth declivity.

Climate data were not available, because there are no meteorological or pluviometric stations located on the euesta, top and immediate backside sites on the southern part of the Ibiapaba Plateau, our study area.

Floristic inventory

The flora of Serra das Almas Natural Reserve was extensively sampled from 1999 to 2004, in several projects: reserve management plan; long-term ecological research programs – Site Caatinga/CNPq/PELD; Instituto do Milênio do Semiárido-

IMSEAR; Biodiversity inventories – Caatinga (PROBIO-MMA) and Edital Universal do CNPq/476285/2003-8. In these studies, branches of angiosperms (five duplicates) in reproductive phase (flower buds, flowers and/or fruits) were collected on trails and inside the best-conserved fragments of each physiognomy. Vouchers were deposited in the Priseo Bezerra Herbarium (EAC), of Universidade Federal do Ceará. Botanical identification was carried out using analytical keys (Freire 1983; Barroso *et al.* 1978, 1984, 1986) and by comparison with the material present in the EAC Herbarium or, when necessary, by consulting specialists. The classification used was APG III (2009). Species names were updated considering the synonymy of Missouri Botanical Garden (Tropicos.org 2009); names and/or abbreviations of species authors were written in accordance with Brummitt & Powell (1992).

Growth- and life-forms

Each species was classified into growth-forms following Whittaker (1975).

The classification of each species in life-forms was done based on the protection level of growing tips and on the reduction of the aerial part during the unfavorable season, following Raunkiaer (1934, see also Cain 1950; Mueller-Dombois & Ellenberg 1974): therophytes (Th), cryptophytes (Cr), hemicryptophytes (H), chamaephytes (Ch) and phanerophytes (Ph). Woody lianas and cacti were considered as phanerophytes and non-woody lianas were classified according to the level of reduction of their aerial part during the dry season (according to Raunkiaer 1934).

Data analysis

Floristic data were organized as a list with families, species, vernacular names, life and growth-forms, physiognomy and collectors. We calculated species and family richness for the whole dataset and by physiognomy. To compare the richest families between physiognomies, we used histograms with the ten richest families in descending order.

Floristic overlap between physiognomies was analyzed by calculating the frequency of species and families in overlapping classes: occurrence in all physiognomies, in pairs of physiognomies (*caatinga/carrasco*, *caatinga/deciduous forest*, *carrasco/deciduous forest*), and restricted to each physiognomy (*caatinga*, *carrasco* or *deciduous forest*). Results are presented in histograms.

To test for differences in the composition of life-forms among physiognomies, we calculated the life-form spectrum, which is the proportion of species of each life-form. We determined which life-form characterized each physiognomy by comparing our results with the normal spectrum proposed by Raunkiaer (1934). This spectrum represents the world flora and was used here as null hypothesis. At first, we tested for differences between the obtained and the normal spectrum using a χ^2 test (Vieira 2004). When differences were significant, we calculated the relative contribution of each life-form's deviation to the computed χ^2 statistic. The life-form with higher contribution in each test was considered as characteristic of the physiognomy where it occurs.

To test for similarities with other Brazilian vegetation types (in terms of life-forms), we compiled studies with spectra determined for Brazilian physiognomies (Tab. 1). We kept the names used by each author for the vegetation types of each study. To facilitate comparison, we used only the five main life-form classes of Raunkiaer (1934). Hence, epiphytes and woody lianas were included in the class phanerophytes, saprophytes in cryptophytes, and aerophytes in chamaephytes. We compared the life-form spectra found in Serra das Almas Natural Reserve with those from other studies with a detrended correspondence analysis - DCA (Jongman *et al.* 1995; Batalha & Martins 2002); results were expressed in ordination diagrams with scores of each study and of each life-form.

Results

We recorded 419 species/morphospecies from 72 families (Annex 1). Families (55) and species richness (250) were higher in the deciduous forest. Richness values of the *carrasco* (46 and 136) and *caatinga* (44 and 137) were similar to each other and lower than in the deciduous forest.

Fabaceae (86 species), Euphorbiaceae (38 species) and Convolvulaceae (22 species) were the richest plant families in Serra das Almas Natural Reserve. The richest families were different among physiognomies (Fig. 2). The exception was the family Fabaceae, which had the highest number of species in all three physiognomies (Fig. 2). However, the representativeness of subfamilies varied, with higher richness of Papilionoidae in the deciduous forest (25 species) and of Caesalpinioideae in the *caatinga* (12 species) and *carrasco* (15 species).

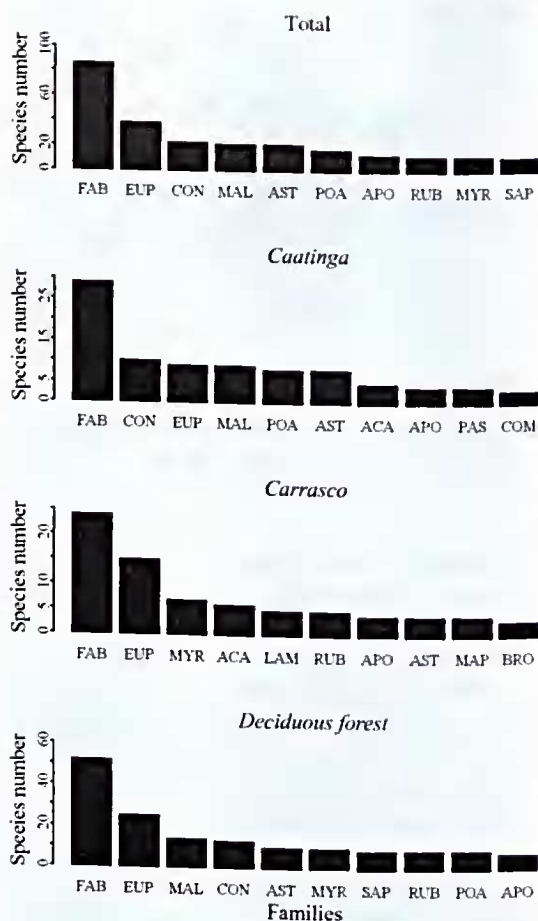


Figure 2 – Species-richest families in the three physiognomies of Serra das Almas Natural Reserve, Cratêus, state of Ceará, Brazil. Abbreviations for families: FAB–Fabaceae, EUP–Euphorbiaceae, CON– Convolvulaceae, MAL– Malvaceae, AST– Asteraceae, POA–Poaceae, APO–Apocynaceae, RUB – Rubiaceae, MYR–Myrtaceae, SAP–Sapindaceae, ACA–Acanthaceae, PAS–Passifloraceae, COM–Commelinaceae, LAM–Lamiaceae, MAP–Malpighiaceae, BRO–Bromeliaceae.

Family overlap was about one third among all physiognomies (Fig. 3). However, the *carrasco* and the deciduous forest shared the highest number of families, and had the highest (*carrasco*) and lowest (deciduous forest) number of exclusive families (Fig. 3). Species overlap was low, as only nine out of 419 species occurred in all physiognomies (Fig. 3). The *carrasco* and the deciduous forest had higher floristic affinity with each other, since they shared more species (15%) and both had low overlap with the *caatinga* (1.3 % overlap with *carrasco* and 4.2% with deciduous forest – Fig. 3).

Table 1 – Life-form spectra used for comparisons in a detrended correspondence analysis (DCA). Life-forms: Th – therophytes, Cr – cryptophytes, H – hemicytophytes, Ch – chamaephytes, Ph – phanerophytes.

Vegetation type	Abbreviation	Site	Reference	Th	Cr	H	Ch	Ph
<i>caatinga</i>	caa	Sa. das Almas, Crateús, CE	This study	47,9	1,4	6,3	18,1	26,4
<i>carrasco</i>	carr	Sa. das Almas, Crateús, CE	This study	17,2	3,4	3,4	17,9	57,9
deciduous forest	fl dec	Sa. das Almas, Crateús, CE	This study	14,6	2,6	2,2	22,5	58,1
<i>caatinga</i>	caa	Faz. Não me Deixes, Quixadá, CE	Costa <i>et al.</i> (2007)	42,9	2,3	12,8	15,8	26,3
<i>cerrado fechado</i>	cer fec	Brasília, DF	Ratter (1980) in Batalha & Martins (2002)	0,7	1,8	44,9	13,5	39,1
<i>cerrado aberto</i>	cer ab	PARNA das Emas, GO	Batalha & Martins (2002)	3,7	2	49,9	12,8	31,6
<i>cerrado aberto</i>	cer ab	Lagoa Santa, MG	Warming (1892) in Batalha & Martins (2002)	4,6	5,4	55,1	6,1	28,8
<i>cerrado aberto</i>	cer ab	Mojiguaçu, SP	Mantovani (1983) in Batalha & Martins (2002)	7,8	2,1	47	12,2	30,9
<i>cerrado fechado</i>	cer fec	Pirassununga, SP	Batalha <i>et al.</i> (1997) in Batalha & Martins (2002)	5,6	1,1	36,1	17,1	40,1
<i>cerrado fechado</i>	cer fec	Sta. Rita do Passa Quatro, SP	Batalha & Mantovani (2001) in Batalha & Martins (2002)	6,7	0,8	30	17,2	45,3
pluvial forest	fl pl	Alto do Palmital, Foz do Iguaçu, PR	Cain <i>et al.</i> (1956)	0	3	11	6	80
pluvial forest	fl pl	Caiobá, PR	Cain <i>et al.</i> (1956)	0	3	3	7	87
pluvial forest	fl pl	Mucambo, Belém, PA	Cain <i>et al.</i> (1956)	0	0,9	2,8	0,9	95,4
temperate forest	fl temp	Horto Botânico, Pelotas, RS	Cain <i>et al.</i> (1956)	5	5	16	4	70
<i>cerradão</i>	cerradão	Águas de Sta. Barbara, SP	Meira Neto <i>et al.</i> (2007)	0	0	4	1,3	94,7
<i>cerrado sensu strictu</i>	cer ss	Águas de Sta. Barbara, SP	Meira Neto <i>et al.</i> (2007)	0	2,8	10,7	9,6	77
<i>campo cerrado</i>	cp cer	Águas de Sta. Barbara, SP	Meira Neto <i>et al.</i> (2007)	0	6,4	19,2	14,1	60,3
<i>campo sujo</i>	cp sj	Águas de Sta. Barbara, SP	Meira Neto <i>et al.</i> (2007)	0	7,9	31,8	41,3	19,1
<i>campo limpo</i>	cl lp	Águas de Sta. Barbara, SP	Meira Neto <i>et al.</i> (2007)	5	0	32	34	14
<i>restinga</i>	res	Itamaracá, PE	Almeida JR <i>et al.</i> (2007)	16,8	5,3	8	19,5	50,4
inselberg vegetation	inselb	Quixadá, CE	Araújo <i>et al.</i> (2008)	44,2	2,6	13	15,6	24,7
<i>cerrado sensu strictu</i>	cer ss	Itirapina, SP	Batalha & Martins (2004)	1,8	1,8	18,6	11,5	66,4
<i>caatinga</i>	caa	Betânia, PE	Costa <i>et al.</i> (2009)	40,5	1,1	14,6	18	25,8
<i>restinga</i>	res	Caravela, BA	Meira Neto <i>et al.</i> (2005)	9	0	14,9	23,9	52,2
<i>restinga</i>	res	Mucuri, BA	Meira Neto <i>et al.</i> (2005)	7,5	0	28,3	24,5	39,6

Note: *caatinga* = xeric shrubland; *carrasco* = deciduous shrubland; *cerrado sensu strictu* = savanna; *cerrado fechado* = dense savanna; *cerrado aberto* = open savanna; *campo cerrado* = grassland with scattered shrubs; *campo sujo* = grassland with scattered shrubs; *campo limpo* = grassland; *cerradão* = tall woodland savanna; *restinga* = sandy coastal plains.

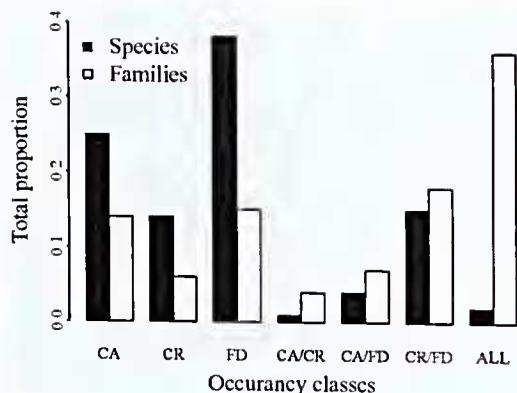


Figure 3 – Proportion of families (white) and species (black) occurring in one, two or in all physiognomies (CA – *caatinga*, CR – *carrasco*, DF – deciduous forest) of Serra das Almas Natural Reserve, Crateús, state of Ceará, Brazil.

In the physiognomies on sedimentary relief, woody species (shrubs and trees) predominated, totaling 124 in the deciduous forest and 68 in the *carrasco*. In the *caatinga*, on the crystalline basement, the highest species richness (69) was represented by herbs.

The life-form spectra of the studied physiognomies differed significantly from the normal spectrum (*caatinga*: $\chi^2 = 159.33$ $p < 0.01$ $df = 4$; *carrasco* $\chi^2 = 49.07$ $p < 0.01$ $df = 4$; deciduous forest $\chi^2 = 120$, $p < 0.01$ $df = 4$). In general, the *carrasco* and the deciduous forest exhibited similar proportions of species of each life-form, whereas the *caatinga* exhibited a different spectrum (Fig. 4). Therophytes, hemipterophytes and chamaephytes were the predominant life-forms in the *caatinga* (69%), *carrasco* (53%) and deciduous forest (46%), respectively; thus, they characterize each physiognomy.

In the comparisons of life-form spectra among physiognomies of Serra das Almas Natural Reserve with other Brazilian vegetation types, the two first axes of the DCA corresponded to over 60% of the total inertia: 49.68% on the first axis and 13.30% on the second. In the ordination diagram three groups of life-form spectra stood out: i) spectra with scores next to the ones of phanerophytes, ii) of cryptophytes and iii) of chamaephytes and therophytes (Fig. 5). The life-form spectra of the *carrasco* and the deciduous forest in Serra das Almas Natural Reserve nearly overlapped in the ordination space, in group 2, which also comprises the *restinga* and *cerrado* spectra (Fig. 5). In this

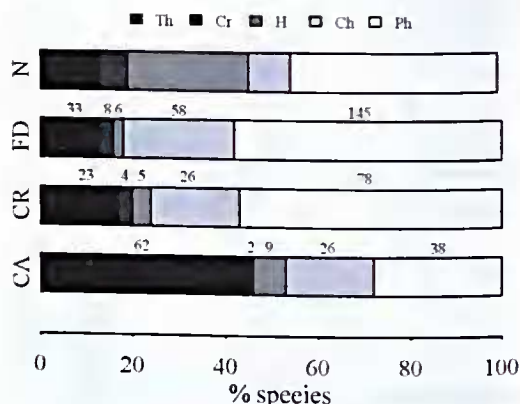


Figure 4 – Life-form spectra of the three physiognomies (CA – *caatinga*, CR – *carrasco*, DF – deciduous forest) of Serra das Almas Natural Reserve, Crateús, state of Ceará, Brazil, compared to Raunkiaer's normal spectrum (N). Values over each physiognomy bar indicate the number of species of each life-form. Species percentages of each life-form are expressed by the width of the bar. Life-forms: therophyte (Th), cryptophyte (Cr), hemicryptophyte (H), chamaephyte (Ch), phanerophyte (Ph).

group, *carrasco* and deciduous forest exhibited scores close to those of *restinga* and different from those of *cerrado*, apparently because of the lower proportion of cryptophytes (Fig. 5). The *caatinga* composed a well-defined group, which comprised spectra of other *caatinga* studies, including vegetation on inselbergs. This group is associated with higher proportion of chamaephytes and therophytes (Fig. 5).

Discussion

In general, in the semi-arid region of northeastern Brazil, areas with higher annual average rainfall associated with higher altitudes exhibit higher species richness (Lima *et al.* 2009; Araújo *et al.* 2007; Ferraz *et al.* 1998; Gomes 1980). This pattern was also observed in the physiognomies of deciduous forest and *carrasco*, both located at higher altitudes than the *caatinga* in Serra das Almas Natural Reserve. Besides, deciduous vegetation on sedimentary areas, even with rainfall indexes similar to the *caatinga* area of the crystalline basement, have been pointed out in general as having higher species richness (Silva *et al.* 2003), though there are some exceptions (Rodal *et al.* 1998; Pereira *et al.* 2002). These exceptions show that being sedimentary alone does not result in higher species richness; other

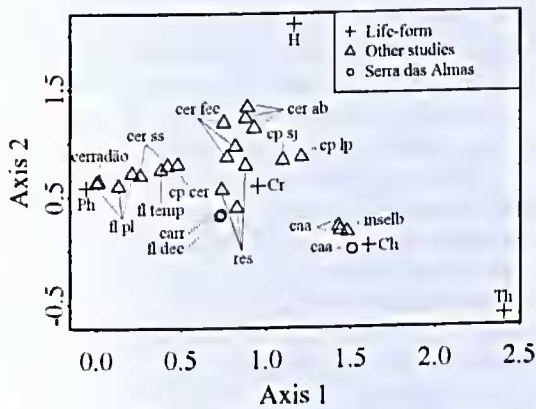


Figure 5 – Ordination diagram of the detrended correspondence analysis (DCA), with scores of life-forms and compiled inventories, including the physiognomies of Serra das Almas Natural Reserve. Abbreviations for vegetation types follow Table 1. Life-forms: therophyte (Th), cryptophyte (Cr), hemicyptophyte (H), chamaephyte (Ch), phanerophyte (Ph).

factors must also be considered, such as the position of the hogback, level of desiccation of the relief and physiochemical composition of the soil. The deciduous forest of Serra das Almas Natural Reserve is located on the windward side, between 500 m and 700 m, whereas the *carrasco*, though located at a higher altitude about 700 m, is located on the leeward side and on sandier soils, which results in a physiognomy of lower height, smaller and slender plants and lower richness than in the deciduous forest.

Concerning the herbaceous component of the Brazilian semi-arid flora, studies carried out in the inter-plateau depression of the crystalline complex indicate that the highest richness of the *caatinga sensu stricto* is in the herbaceous component (Sampaio 1995; Rodal *et al.* 2005; Costa *et al.* 2007; Mamede & Araújo 2008). Comparatively, studies carried out in sedimentary formations recorded low richness of herbaceous flora (Rodal *et al.* 1999; Figueirêdo *et al.* 2000).

In Serra das Almas Natural Reserve, the floristic richness of woody species increased at high altitudes in areas of deciduous forest and *carrasco*, whereas the richness of herbaceous species decreased. The increase in richness of trees and shrubs with altitude seems to be a general pattern for vegetation of arid and semi-arid regions. In the Brazilian semi-arid region, the increase in richness of herbaceous growth-forms and decrease

in woody growth-forms is related to the increase in aridity (lower rainfall and higher temperature). In previous studies, the replacement of non-woody life-forms by woody life-forms and the increase in richness along humidity gradients have been observed in arid areas (Pavón *et al.* 2000), tropical savannas (Williams *et al.* 1996), forests and temperate grasslands (Kovács-Lang *et al.* 2000).

Considering woody and herbaceous flora together, the deciduous forest on the sedimentary basin exhibited higher richness than the *caatinga* located on the crystalline basement. Potentially, there must be higher humidity in the air and soil resulting from the elevation; there must be also soils with permanent water availability in deep layers (latosols and quartz sands), which possibly contribute to the higher floristic richness observed.

Comparing the *carrasco* and the deciduous forest located in the same sedimentary basin, the latter exhibited higher richness. In this case, humidity seems to be an important factor: the deciduous forest is located on the cuesta and the *carrasco* on the immediate backside. On the backside the air is probably drier and wind speed is higher, which causes more desiccation. Besides, soil seems to play a role too, since *carrasco* soils are sandier (Araújo & Martins 1999; Araújo *et al.* 1999).

Despite the high species richness found in the region of Ibiapaba Plateau, it is important to highlight the contribution of the non-woody component (herbs, subshrubs and herbaceous lianas) to the total species richness of each physiognomy. In the *caatinga*, on the crystalline basement, non-woody plants were responsible for most of the floristic richness, that is expected in arid and semi-arid climates, due to the predominance of therophytes in these environments. On the contrary, in the *carrasco* and in the deciduous forest, woody plants were responsible for the highest richness, since in more humid climates phanerophytes predominate.

Higher water availability favors the establishment of life-forms that do not need large reductions of the aerial shoot system during the unfavorable season (phanerophytes), which is a necessary strategy for the survival of most species in arid and semi-arid regions (see Raunkiaer 1934; van Rooyen *et al.* 1990; Kovács-Lang *et al.* 2000). In the case of Serra das Almas Natural Reserve, which is inserted in a semi-arid climatic domain, the increase in altitude may potentially favor high water availability on the windward side. Besides, soil must be taken into account, since there are two different

geological units: lowlands of the crystalline basement and the Meio Norte sedimentary basin.

Herbaceous or sub-woody plants (herbs, subshrubs and herbaceous lianas) are the life-forms that exhibit the highest reduction of the aerial shoot system during the dry season (therophytes, cryptophytes, and hemicryptophytes; Raunkiaer 1934). The biological spectrum of the *caatinga* studied was characterized mainly by therophytes, a life-form characteristic of arid and semi-arid regions (Raunkiaer 1934; van Rooyen *et al.* 1990; Kovács-Lang *et al.* 2000). Indeed, among the three physiognomies studied, the *caatinga* occurs on shallow soils in the lowlands of the crystalline basement, where temperature is potentially higher and rainfall is potentially lower than in mountain-range areas, resulting in lower water availability. The physiognomies on the Ibiapaba plateau (*carrasco* and deciduous forest) must occur under lower water restrictions, since higher altitude contributes to the potential occurrence of higher rainfall and lower temperature, which favor phanerophytes, a life-form characteristic of sites with lower water restriction.

In addition to numeric differences in species richness, remarkable differences between the floristic complexes of each physiognomy were observed in the present study. The two main complexes (*caatinga* and *carrasco* + deciduous forest) are consistent with the soil types that occur in the area, resulting from the type of source rock. Although species overlap between deciduous forest and *carrasco* may be considered low (15%), differences are even larger when compared with *caatinga*, whose overlap is only 4%. *Carrasco* and deciduous forest are floristically more similar because both have a set of species that prefer sandy soil with low pH, whereas *caatinga* differs from that floristic group by the presence of species typical of soils originated from the crystalline basement of the inter-plateau depression. The crystalline and sedimentary floras of northeastern Brazil also differ at a broader scale, as it was observed in analyses of data matrices created from local inventories, carried out in several areas of the Brazilian semi-arid region (Araújo *et al.* 1998a, b; Lemos & Rodal 2002; Alcoforado-Filho *et al.* 2003; Araújo *et al.* 2005; Lima *et al.* 2009).

As Andrade-Lima (1981) emphasized, in the Brazilian semi-arid region, when the predominant variation is in climate, as observed in the two physiognomies studied in the Ibiapaba Plateau (the

deciduous forest occurs on the windward side whereas the *carrasco* occurs on the leeward side), these do not form discrete units. They form a continuum represented by species overlap and by the same biological spectrum, as emphasized by Austin (2005).

When analyzing physiognomies on different geomorphological units, apart from the climate, the soil component may determine discrete units: communities that, according to Whittaker (1975), can be delimited by floristic composition and life-forms, such is the case of the difference found between the *caatinga* and the complex deciduous forest + *carrasco*.

In the comparative analysis with the biological spectra from other Brazilian seasonal vegetation types, the discrimination of the *caatinga* by higher proportion of therophytes and chamaephytes shows that this vegetation is composed of species whose life-forms represent better the semi-arid climatic pattern, since the predominance of these life-forms is characteristic of vegetations of arid and semi-arid environments (Raunkiaer 1934; Cain 1950). The biological spectrum is similar to the spectrum of arid and semi-arid climate zones of the world.

In summary, the two geomorphological units present in the study area have two distinct floristic complexes, characterized by the predominance of therophytes on the crystalline basement and of phanerophytes on the sedimentary basin. These results show that when implementing reserves in Brazilian semi-arid areas, abiotic local factors, such as soils and relief, must be taken into account, because these factors seem to reflect regional floristic variation. The environmental heterogeneity may result not only in high species diversity, but also in high functional diversity in the Brazilian semi-arid domain, which, in the present study, may be observed in differences in life-form spectra among the three physiognomies analyzed.

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Annex 1 – List of families and species found, with respective growth-forms and life-forms, in three phytophysiognomies, *caatinga* (CA), *carrasco* (CR) and deciduous forest (DF), of the Natural Reserve Serra das Almas, Ceará State, deposited in the EAC Herbarium of the Universidade Federal do Ceará. x = presence of species in the phytophysiognomy. Growth-form (FC) = tree (tre), shrub (shr), sub-shrub (sub), liana (lia), herb (her). Life-form (FV) = phanerophyte (Ph), chamaephyte (Ch), hemicryptophyte (H), therophyte (Th), cryptophyte (Cr).

Families/species	Common name	FC	FV	Phytophysiognomy			Collector
				CA	CR	DF	
Acanthaceae							
<i>Anisacanthus trilobus</i> Lindau	pimentinha	sub	Ch	x	x		F.S. Araújo, 1593
<i>Dicliptera ciliaris</i> Juss.		sub	Ch	x		x	S.F. Vasconcelos, 9
<i>Elytraria</i> sp.		sub	H	x			S.F. Vasconcelos, 8
<i>Justicia fragilis</i> Wall. ex Clarke		sub	Ch		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1490
<i>Justicia strobilacea</i> (Nees) Lindau		shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1458
<i>Justicia</i> sp.		shr	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1539
<i>Lophothecium</i> sp.		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 124
<i>Ruellia</i> cf. <i>bahiensis</i> (Nees) Morong		sub	Ch		x		F.S. Araújo, 1576
<i>Ruellia paniculata</i> L.	melosa-de-bode, melosa	shr	Ch	x	x		F.S. Araújo, 1547
<i>Ruellia villosa</i> Lindau		sub	Ch		x	x	M.S. Sobrinho, 125
Achariaceae							
<i>Lindackeria ovata</i> (Benth.) Gilg	mamona-brava	tre	Ph			x	R.C. Costa 269
Alstroemeriaceae							
<i>Alstroemeria</i> sp.		her	Cr			x	F.S. Araújo, 1511
<i>Bomarea edulis</i> (Tussac) Herb.		her	Cr			x	F.S. Araújo, 1442
Amaranthaceae							
<i>Alternanthera brasiliana</i> (L.) Kuntze	quebra-panela, cabeça-branca	her	Th	x	x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1377
<i>Alternanthera brasiliana</i> var. <i>villosa</i> (Moq.) Kuntze		her	Th	x	x		F.S. Araújo, 1505
<i>Froelichia lanata</i> Moench		her	Th	x		x	F.S. Araújo, 1400
<i>Gomphrena demissa</i> Mart.		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1436
Amaryllidaceae							
<i>Hippeastrum</i> sp.	cebola-brava	her	Cr			x	F.S. Araújo, 1330
Anacardiaceae							
<i>Myracrodruon urundeuva</i> Allemão	aroeira	tre	Ph	x			Probio, 400

Families/species	Common name	FC	FV	Phytophysiognomy			Collector
				CA	CR	DF	
Annonaceae							
<i>Duguetia riedeliana</i> R. E. Fr.	camueá	tre	Ph			x	Probio, 214
<i>Ephedranthus pisocarpus</i> R. E. Fr.	condurú	tre	Ph		x	x	J.R. Lima, 16
<i>Rollinia leptopetala</i> R. E. Fr.	bananinha	shr	Ph		x	x	M.S. Sobrinho, 15
Apocynaceae							
<i>Allamanda blanchetii</i> A. DC.	penete-de-macaco, cravo-de-cachorro	lia	H	x	x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1335
<i>Aspidosperma cuspa</i> (Kunth) S.F. Blake ex Pittier	pereiro-branco	tre	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1352
<i>Aspidosperma discolor</i> A. DC.	canela-de-velho, canceleiro	tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 18
<i>Aspidosperma multiflorum</i> A. DC.	piquiá	tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 19
<i>Aspidosperma pyriforme</i> Mart.	pereiro-preto, pereiro	tre	Ph	x			Probio, 403
<i>Aspidosperma</i> cf. <i>subincaum</i> Mart. ex A. DC.	piquiá	tre	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 245
<i>Mandevilla scabra</i> (Hoffmanns. ex Roem. & Schult.) K.Schum.		lia	Ch		x		F.S. Araújo, 1497
<i>Mandevilla tenuifolia</i> (J. C. Mikan) Woodson		her	Cr		x		F.S. Araújo, 1323
<i>Matelea harleyi</i> Fontella & Morillo		lia	Ch	x			F.S. Araújo, 1543
<i>Prestonia bahiensis</i> Müll Arg.		lia	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1290
<i>Secundatia floribunda</i> A. DC.		lia	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 89
<i>Tabernaemontana catharinensis</i> A. DC.	grão-de-porco	shr	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1479
<i>Tassadia burchellii</i> E. Fourn.		lia	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 13
Araceae							
<i>Scaphispatha gracilis</i> Brongn. ex Schott		her	Cr			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1091
<i>Spathicarpa hastifolia</i> Hook.		her	Cr			x	F.S. Araújo, 1379
<i>Taccarum peregrinum</i> (Schott) Engl.	milho-de-cobra	her	Cr	x			R.C. Costa, 358
Asteraceae							
<i>Acmella uliginosa</i> (Sw.) Cass.	agrião	her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1407
<i>Aspilia</i> cf. <i>attenuata</i> (Gardner) Baker		her	Th		x		F.S. Araújo, 1503
<i>Aspilia bonplandiana</i> (Gardner) S. F. Blake		her	Th		x		F.S. Araújo, 1590
<i>Blainvillea lanceolata</i> Baker		her	Th	x		x	R.C. Costa, 97
<i>Blainvillea latifolia</i> (L. f.) DC.		her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 441
<i>Blainvillea lignata</i> (L. f.) DC.	bamburral	her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 436
<i>Blainvillea rhomboidea</i> Cass.		her	Th			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 52

Families/species	Common name	FC	FV	Phytophysiognomy			Collector
				CA	CR	DF	
<i>Centratherum punctatum</i> Cass.		her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 456
<i>Delilia biflora</i> (L.) Kuntze		her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 440
<i>Dissothrix imbricata</i> (Gardner) B. L. Rob.		her	Th		x		F.S. Araújo, 1467
<i>Jaegeria lirta</i> (Lag.) Less		her	Th	x			S.F. Vasconcelos, s/n
<i>Lagascea mollis</i> Cav.		her	Th	x			S.F. Vasconcelos, 12
<i>Melampodium camphoratum</i> (L. f.) Baker		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1422
<i>Melanthera latifolia</i> (Gardner) Cabrera		her	Th			x	Probio, s/n
<i>Pithecoseris pacourinoides</i> Mart. ex DC.		her	Th			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 109
<i>Stilpnopappus</i> sp.		her	Th			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 84
<i>Trichogonia</i> cf. <i>mentlifolia</i> Gardner		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1560
<i>Vernonia</i> aff. <i>arenaria</i> Mart. ex DC.		sub	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1497
<i>Vernonia obscura</i> Less.		shr	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1450
<i>Wedelia hookeriana</i> Gardner		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1287
<i>Wedelia villosa</i> Gardner		sub	Ch			x	J.R. Lima, 85
Bignoniaceae							
<i>Anemopaegma ataidei</i> A. Gentry		lia	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 236
<i>Arrabidaea caudigera</i> (S. Moore) A.H. Gentry		lia	Ph	x			R.C. Costa, 320
<i>Arrabidaea chica</i> (Humb. & Bonpl.) Verl.		lia	Ph		x		J.R. Lima, 21
<i>Arrabidaea corallina</i> (Jacq.) Sandwith		lia	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 31
<i>Arrabidaea dispar</i> Bureau ex K. Schum.		lia	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 20
<i>Jacaranda jasminoides</i> (Thunb.) Sandwith	jacarandá	tre	Ph			x	R.C. Costa, 95
<i>Pithecoctenium crucigerum</i> (L.) A.H. Gentry	pente-de-macaco	lia	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 231
<i>Tabebuia impetiginosa</i> (Mart. ex DC.) Standl.	pau-d'arco-roxo	tre	Ph	x			Observada
<i>Tabebuia ochracea</i> (Cham.) Standl.	pau-d'arco	tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 23
Bixaceae							
<i>Cochlospermum vitifolium</i> (Willd.) Spreng.	pacotê	tre	Ph	x		x	S.F. Vasconcelos, 4
Boraginaceae							
<i>Cordia leucomalloides</i> Taroda	maria-preta	shr	Ph		x	x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1181
<i>Cordia oncocalyx</i> Allemão	pau-branco	tre	Ph	x			R.C. Costa, 404
<i>Cordia rufescens</i> A. DC.	grão-de-galo	shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1478
<i>Tournefortia</i> sp.		lia	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1329

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Brassicaceae							
<i>Brassica</i> sp.		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1401
Bromeliaceae							
<i>Bromelia auriculata</i> L.B.Sm.	macambirinha	her	Ch			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1222
<i>Bromelia laciniosa</i> Mart. ex Schult. f.	maeambira	her	Ch		x		L.W. Lima-Verde, 1216
<i>Bromelia phuuieri</i> (E. Morren) L.B.Sm.	eroatá	her	Ch	x	x	x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 983
<i>Encholirium erectiflorum</i> L. B. Sm.	macambira-de-flexa	her	Ch		x		L.W. Lima-Verde, 981
Burseraceae							
<i>Commiphora leptophloeos</i> (Mart.) J.B. Gillett	imburana-de-espinho	tre	Ph	x		x	J.R. Lima, 48
Cactaceae							
<i>Cereus albicaulis</i> (Britton & Rose) Luetzelb.	rabo-de-raposa	shr	Ph		x		Observada
<i>Cereus jamacaru</i> DC.	mandacaru	tre	Ph	x	x	x	Observada
Capparaceae							
<i>Cynophalla flexuosa</i> (L.) J. Presl	feijão-bravo	shr	Ph	x			Observada
<i>Crateva tapia</i> L.	trapiá	tre	Ph	x			Probio, 563
Celastraceae							
<i>Maytenus</i> sp.		tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima 100
Chrysobalanaceae							
<i>Licania sclerophylla</i> (Hook. f.) Fritsch	oiticeia	tre	Ph	x			Probio, 327
Cleomaceae							
<i>Cleome microcarpa</i> Uic		her	Th	x			Probio, 204
Combretaceae							
<i>Buchenavia capitata</i> (Vahl) Eichler	mirindiba	tre	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 292
<i>Combretum glaucocarpum</i> Mart.	eipaúba	tre	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1111
<i>Combretum lanceolatum</i> Pohl ex Eichler	eatinga-branca	shr	Ph		x		Probio, 326
<i>Combretum leprosum</i> Mart.	mofumbo	shr	Ph	x		x	F.S. Araújo, 1516
<i>Combretum mellifluum</i> Eichler	eatinga-branca	shr	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1473
Commelinaceae							
<i>Callisia filiformis</i> (M. Martens & Galeotti) D. R. Hunt		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1404
<i>Coumelina nudiflora</i> L.		her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 367
<i>Dichorisandra hexandra</i> (Aubl.) Standl.		her	Th		x		F.S. Araújo, 1393
<i>Dichorisandra</i> sp.		her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 395

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Convolvulaceae							
<i>Evolvulus elaeagnifolius</i> Dammer		lia	Ch		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1486
<i>Evolvulus ericaefolius</i> Schrank.		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1351
<i>Evolvulus filipes</i> Mart.		her	Th	x		x	F.S. Araújo, 1515
<i>Evolvulus</i> cf. <i>latifolius</i> Ker Gawl.		her	H		x		F.S. Araújo, 1509
<i>Evolvulus macroblepharis</i> Mart.		sub	Ch			x	J.R. Lima, 83
<i>Evolvulus ovatus</i> Fernald		her	Th	x		x	F.S. Araújo, 1523
<i>Evolvulus pterocaulon</i> Moric.		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 268
<i>Evolvulus</i> sp.		sub	Ch		x		F.S. Araújo, 1395
<i>Ipomoea asarifolia</i> (Desr.) Roem. & Schult.		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 283
<i>Ipomoea bahiensis</i> Willd. ex Roem. & Schult.	jitirana-da-folha-pequena	lia	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1424
<i>Ipomoea brasiliana</i> Meins.		lia	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 25
<i>Ipomoea hederifolia</i> L.	pimenteira	lia	Ch	x			R.C. Costa, 444
<i>Ipomoea nil</i> (L.) Roth	jitirana	lia	Th	x		x	R.C. Costa, 448
<i>Ipomoea polymorpha</i> Roem. & Schult.		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1522
<i>Ipomoea rosea</i> Choisy		lia	Ch			x	R.C. Costa, 92
<i>Ipomoea sericophylla</i> Meisn.		sub	Ch	x			Vasconcelos, S. F., 7
<i>Ipomoea subincana</i> Meisn.		lia	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1372
<i>Jacquemontia gracillima</i> (Choisy) Hallier f.		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1521
<i>Jacquemontia nodiflora</i> (Desr.) G. Don		lia	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1370
<i>Jacquemontia pentantha</i> (Jacq.) G. Don		lia	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1420
<i>Merremia aegyptia</i> (L.) Urb.	jitirana	lia	Th	x			Costa, R. C., 453
<i>Operculina alata</i> Urb.	batata-de-purga	lia	Ph	x			S.F. Vasconcelos, 5
Cucurbitaceae							
<i>Cayaponia racemosa</i> (Mill.) Cogn.		lia	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 183
Cyperaceae							
<i>Cyperus aggregatus</i> (Willd.) Endl.		her	H			x	J.R. Lima, 106
<i>Cyperus laxus</i> Lam.		her	H			x	F.S. Araújo, 1363
<i>Cyperus surinamensis</i> Rottb.		her	Th	x			L.W. Lima-Verde, 1092
<i>Cyperus uncinulatus</i> Schrad. ex Nees	barba de bode	her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 361
<i>Kyllinga</i> sp.		her	H			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1078
<i>Rhynchospora</i> sp.		her	Th	x			Probio, 199

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Dilleniaceae							
<i>Davilla cearensis</i> Huber		lia	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 267
Dioscoreaceae							
<i>Dioscorea ovata</i> Vell.		lia	Cr		x		F.S. Araújo, 1482
<i>Dioscorea</i> sp.1		lia	Cr	x			R.C. Costa, 366
<i>Dioscorea</i> sp.2		lia	Cr			x	R.C. Costa, 55
Eriocaulaceae							
<i>Syngonanthus</i> sp.		her	Th		x		F.S. Araújo, 1498
Erythroxylaceae							
<i>Erythroxylum anpifolium</i> Baill.		shr	Ph			x	R.C. Costa, 89
<i>Erythroxylum barbatum</i> O. E. Schulz		shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1306
<i>Erythroxylum bezerrae</i> Plowman		shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1322
<i>Erythroxylum laetevirens</i> O. E. Schulz	pirunga	shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1472
<i>Erythroxylum mummularia</i> Peyr.		shr	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 952
<i>Erythroxylum stipulosum</i> Plowman		shr	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1114
<i>Erythroxylum vacciniifolium</i> Mart.		shr	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 952
Euphorbiaceae							
<i>Acalypha multicaulis</i> Müll. Arg.		sub	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1365
<i>Actinostemon</i> sp.		shr	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1199
<i>Bernardia sidoides</i> (Klotzsch) Müll. Arg.		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1339
<i>Chamaesyce hyssopifolia</i> (L.) Small		her	H	x			F.S. Araújo, 1342
<i>Cnidocochus vitifolius</i> (Mill.) Pohl	cansação	shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1309
<i>Croton adenocalyx</i> Baill.	catanga branca	shr	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1346
<i>Croton argyrophylloides</i> Müll Arg.	marmeleiro branco	shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1294
<i>Croton betacens</i> Baill.		shr	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1331
<i>Croton blanchetianus</i> Baill.	marmeleiro-preto, marmeleiro	shr	Ph	x		x	F.S. Araújo, 1356
<i>Croton cordiifolius</i> Baill.		shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1280
<i>Croton echioides</i> Müll. Arg.		shr	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1454
<i>Croton glandulosus</i> L.		her	Th	x			Probio, 208
<i>Croton grewioides</i> Baill.	cancelinha	shr	Ph		x	x	J.R. Lima, 79
<i>Croton heliotropifolius</i> Kunth	velame	shr	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1310

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<i>Croton jacobinensis</i> Baill.		shr	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1044
<i>Croton lundianus</i> (Didr.) Müll. Arg.		her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 350
<i>Croton moritbensis</i> Baill.		shr	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 077
<i>Croton nepetifolius</i> Baill.	marmeleiro-cravinho	shr	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1325
<i>Croton odontadenius</i> Müll. Arg.		shr	Ph			x	Probio 393
<i>Croton rudolphianus</i> Müll. Arg.		shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1325
<i>Croton urticifolius</i> Lam.		her	Th		x		F.S. Araújo, 1376
<i>Croton zehneri</i> Pax & K. Hoffm.	canelinha	shr	Ph		x	x	Probio, 40
<i>Dalechampia pernambucensis</i> Baill.		lia	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1428
<i>Euphorbia comosa</i> Vell.		sub	Ch		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1461
<i>Euphorbia insulana</i> Vell.		her	Th	x			S.F. Vasconcelos, s/n
<i>Gymnanthes</i> sp1.		shr	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 29
<i>Gymnanthes</i> sp2.		tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 27
<i>Gymnanthes</i> sp3.		shr	Ph		x	x	M.S. Sobrinho, 8
<i>Jatropha mollissima</i> (Pohl) Baill.	pinhão	tre	Ph	x			R.C. Costa, 350
<i>Manihot anomala</i> Pohl	maniçoba	shr	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1318
<i>Manihot glaziovii</i> Müll. Arg.		shr	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1203
<i>Manihot palmata</i> Müll. Arg.	maniçoba	shr	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1305
<i>Maprounea</i> sp.		tre	Ph		x	x	Probio, 273
<i>Microstachys corniculata</i> (Vahl) Griseb.		her	Th		x		F.S. Araújo, 1470
<i>Poinsettia heterophylla</i> (L.) Klotzsch & Garcke		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1531
<i>Sapium lanceolatum</i> (Müll. Arg.) Huber	burra-leiteira	tre	Ph		x	x	Probio, 14
<i>Stillingia trapezoidea</i> Ule		shr	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1321
<i>Tragia</i> cf. <i>lessertiana</i> (Baill.) Müll. Arg.		lia	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 54
Fabaceae							
Caesalpinioideae							
<i>Bauhinia acuruana</i> Moric.		shr	Ph		x		Probio, 408
<i>Bauhinia</i> cf. <i>dubia</i> G. Don.		tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 44
<i>Bauhinia cheilantha</i> (Bong.) Steud.	mororó	shr	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1397
<i>Bauhinia pentandra</i> (Bong.) Vogel ex Steud.		tre	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1411
<i>Bauhinia pulchella</i> Benth.	mororó	tre	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1563
<i>Bauhinia unguolata</i> L.	mororó	tre	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1569

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<i>Chamaecrista barbata</i> (Nees & C. Mart.) H.S. Irwin & Barneby		sub	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1573
<i>Chamaecrista belemii</i> (H. S. Irwin & Barneby)		sub	Ch		x		F.S. Araújo, 1388
<i>Chamaecrista calycioides</i> (Collad.) Greene		her	H	x			Probio, 176
<i>Chamaecrista diphylla</i> (L.) Greene		her	H		x		F.S. Araújo, 1492
<i>Chamaecrista duckeana</i> (P.Bezerra & Afr.Fern.) H.S. Irwin & Barneby canaffistula-brava		sub	Ch	x		x	R.C. Costa, 442
<i>Chamaecrista nictitans</i> (L.) Moench		sub	Ch	x	x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1368
<i>Chamaecrista ramosa</i> (Vogel) H. S. Irwin & Barneby		sub	Ch			x	S.F. Vasconcelos, s/n
<i>Chamaecrista repens</i> (Vogel) H.S.Irwin & Barneby		sub	Ch		x		F.S. Araújo, 1484
<i>Chamaecrista rotundifolia</i> (Pers.) Greene		her	Hh	x			F.S. Araújo, 1410
<i>Chamaecrista supplex</i> (Benth.) Britton & Rose ex Britton & Killip		her	Hh	x			F.S. Araújo, 1526
<i>Chamaecrista tenuisepala</i> (Benth.) H.S.Irwin & Barneby		sub	Ch		x		F.S. Araújo, 1390
<i>Chamaecrista zygophylloides</i> (Taub.) H.S. Irwin & Barneby		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 112
<i>Copaifera martii</i> Hayne	pau d'óleo	tre	Ph		x	x	M.S. Sobrinho, 57
<i>Hymenaea erioogyne</i> Benth.	jatobá-batinga	shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1383
<i>Hymenaea velutina</i> Ducke	jatobá-de-porco, jatobá-de-veia	tre	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1387
<i>Libidibia ferrea</i> (Mart. ex Tul.) L.P.Queiroz	jucá, pau-ferro	tre	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1555
<i>Peltogyne confertiflora</i> (Mart. ex Hayne) Benth.		tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 50
<i>Poincianella bracteosa</i> (Tul.) L.P.Queiroz	catingueira	tre	Ph	x			R.C. Costa, 401
<i>Poincianella gardneriana</i> (Benth.) L.P.Queiroz		tre	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1538
<i>Senna cearensis</i> Afr. Fern.	besouro	shr	Ph		x	x	J. R. Lima, 46
<i>Senna gardneri</i> (Benth.) H. S. Irwin & Barneby	besouro	shr	Ph		x		R.C. Costa, 291
<i>Senna lechriosperma</i> H. S. Irwin & Barneby	besouro	shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1382
<i>Senna macranthera</i> (DC.ex Collad.) H. S. Irwin & Barneby	besouro	shr	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, s/n
<i>Senna obtusifolia</i> (L.) H. S. Irwin & Barneby	besouro	sub	Ch	x			Probio, 365
<i>Senna rugosa</i> (G. Don) H. S. Irwin & Barneby		shr	Ph		x	x	R.C. Costa, 308
<i>Senna splendida</i> (Vogel) H.S.Irwin & Barneby	besouro	shr	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1566
<i>Senna trachypus</i> (Mart. ex Benth.) H. S. Irwin & Barneby	besouro	shr	Ph	x	x	x	R.C. Costa, 165
Mimosoideae							
<i>Anadenanthera colubrina</i> var. <i>cebil</i> (Griseb.) Altschul	angico	tre	Ph	x			R. C. Costa, 562
<i>Chloroleucon acacioides</i> (Ducke) Barneby & J. W. Grimes	arapiraca	tre	Ph			x	R.C. Costa, 319
<i>Inga ingoides</i> (Rich.) Willd.		tre	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1083

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<i>Mimosa acutistipula</i> (Mart.) Benth.		tre	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1476
<i>Mimosa caesalpiniiifolia</i> Benth.	sabiá	tre	Ph	x			R.C. Costa, 399
<i>Mimosa invisá</i> Mart. ex Colla	malícia	shr	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 27
<i>Mimosa quadrivalvis</i> var. <i>leptocarpa</i> (DC.) Barneby		lia	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 240
<i>Mimosa sensitiva</i> L.		lia	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1441
<i>Mimosa tenuiflora</i> (Willd.) Poir.	jurema-preta	shr	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1544
<i>Mimosa ursina</i> Mart.		sub	Ch	x			F.S. Araújo, 1369
<i>Mimosa verrucosa</i> Benth.		tre	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1567
<i>Parkia platycephala</i> Benth.	faveira	tre	Ph		x		R.C. Costa, 286
<i>Piptadenia stipulacea</i> (Benth.) Ducke	jurema-branca	tre	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1426
<i>Pityrocarpa moniliformis</i> (Benth.) Luckow & Jobson	catanduva	tre	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1298
<i>Senegalia langsdorffii</i> (Benth.) Seigler & Ebinger	jurema-de-bode	shr	Ph		x	x	M.S. Sobrinho, 195
<i>Senegalia polyphylla</i> (DC.) Britton & Rose		tre	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1328
<i>Senegalia tenuifolia</i> (L.) Britton & Rose		tre	Ph	x			Probio, 335
Papilionoideae							
<i>Aeschynomene histrix</i> Poir.		her	Th	x			S.F. Vasconcelos, 17
<i>Aeschynomene marginata</i> Benth.		sub	Ch		x		F.S. Araújo, 1502
<i>Amburana cearensis</i> (Allemão) A.C. Sm.	cumarú, imburana-de-cheiro	tre	Ph	x		x	M.S. Sobrinho, 202
<i>Andira surinamensis</i> (Bondt) Splitg. ex Pulle		tre	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 285
<i>Arachis dardanii</i> Krapov. & W.C. Gregory	mondubim	her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 369
<i>Bowdichia virgilioides</i> Kunth	sucupira	tre	Ph			x	Probio, 304
<i>Centrosema brasilianum</i> (L.) Benth.	feijão-de-rolinha	lia	H	x		x	R.C. Costa, 451
<i>Centrosema pascuorum</i> Mart. ex Benth.		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1518
<i>Cranocarpus gracilis</i> Afr. Fern. & P. Bezerra		sub	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1371
<i>Cratylia mollis</i> Mart. ex Benth.		lia	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1589
<i>Crotalaria vitellina</i> Ker Gawl.		her	Th			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 266
<i>Dalbergia cearensis</i> Ducke		tre	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1197
<i>Desmodium distortum</i> (Aubl.) J.F. Macbr.		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 271
<i>Desmodium</i> sp. 1		sub	Ch	x			Probio, 157
<i>Desmodium</i> sp. 2		her	Th	x			Probio, 172
<i>Desmodium</i> sp. 3		sub	Ch			x	Probio, 277

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<i>Dioclea grandiflora</i> Mart. ex. Benth.	mucunã	lia	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1535
<i>Dioclea megacarpa</i> Rolfe	mucunã	lia	Ph			x	Rabelo, J. L., 37
<i>Erythrina velutina</i> Willd.	mulungu	tre	Ph	x			R.C. Costa, 328
<i>Galactia jussiaeana</i> Kunth		lia	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1586
<i>Harpalyce brasiliiana</i> Benth.		shr	Ph			x	Probio, 303
<i>Indigofera suffruticosa</i> Mill.		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 228
<i>Loucheocarpus araripensis</i> Benth.		tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 49
<i>Luetzelburgia auriculata</i> (Allemão) Ducke	pau-mocó	tre	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 286
<i>Machaerium acutifolium</i> Vogel	violete	tre	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1564
<i>Machaerium stipitatum</i> (DC.) Vogel	violete	tre	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1055
<i>Ormosia fastigiata</i> Tul.		tre	Ph			x	R.C. Costa, 417
<i>Periandra coccinea</i> (Sehrader) Benth.		lia	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1419
<i>Platymenia reticulata</i> Benth.	candeia	tre	Ph			x	Probio, 300, 213
<i>Platypodium elegans</i> Vogel		shr	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 13
<i>Rhynchosia phaseoloides</i> (Sw.) DC.		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 181
<i>Sesbania marginata</i> Benth.		sub	Ch	x			Probio, 418
<i>Stylosanthes capitata</i> Vogel		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 51
<i>Stylosanthes humilis</i> Kunth		her	Th	x			S.F. Vasconcelos, 16
<i>Swartzia flaemingii</i> Raddi	jaearandá, banha-de-galinha	tre	Ph		x	x	M.S. Sobrinho, 219
<i>Vatairea macrocarpa</i> (Benth.) Ducke		tre	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 293
Iridaceae							
<i>Herbertia</i> sp.		her	Cr			x	F.S. Araújo, 1375
<i>Nemastylis</i> sp.		her	Cr		x		F.S. Araújo, 1481
Lamiaceae							
<i>Amasonia campestris</i> (Aubl.) Moldenke		sub	Ch		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1289
<i>Hypenia salzmanii</i> (Benth.) Harley		her	Th		x		F.S. Araújo, 1501
<i>Hyptis platanifolia</i> Mart. ex Benth.		her	Th			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 118
<i>Hyptis simulans</i> Epling		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1570
<i>Hyptis suaveolens</i> (L.) Poit.	alfazema-brava, alfazema	her	Th		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1421
<i>Marsypianthes chamaedrys</i> (Vahl) Kuntze		her	Th	x	x		F.S. Araújo, 1406
<i>Vitex schaueriana</i> Moldenke	mama-cachorro	tre	Ph		x	x	R.C. Costa, 340

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Loasaceae							
<i>Mentzelia fragilis</i> Huber.	prega-prega	her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 433
Loganiaceae							
<i>Spigelia anthelmia</i> L.		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1338
Lythraceae							
<i>Cuphea campestris</i> Koehne		her	Th		x		F.S. Araújo, 1408
<i>Cuphea circaeoides</i> Sm. ex Sims		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1343
<i>Cuphea silvestris</i> Vahl		her	H		x		F.S. Araújo, 1324
Malpighiaceae							
<i>Banisteriopsis angustifolia</i> (A. Juss.) B. Gates		lia	Ph			x	Probio, 01
<i>Banisteriopsis lutea</i> (Griseb.) Cuatrec.		lia	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 289
<i>Banisteriopsis oxyclada</i> (A. Juss.) B. Gates.		lia	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1578
<i>Banisteriopsis stellaris</i> (Griseb) B. Gates		lia	Ph		x	x	M.S. Sobrinho, 94
<i>Byrsonima gardneriana</i> A. Juss.	murici	tre	Ph		x	x	M.S. Sobrinho, 251
<i>Heteropterys trichanthera</i> A. Juss.		shr	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1536
<i>Janusia janusioides</i> W.R. Anderson.		lia	Ph		x		R.C. Costa, 80
<i>Mascagnia rigida</i> (A. Juss.) Griseb.	tingui	lia	Ch	x			F.S. Araújo, 1550
<i>Peixotoa jussieuana</i> Mart. ex A. Juss.		lia	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1373
Malvaceae							
<i>Corchorus hirtus</i> L.		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1444
<i>Guazuma ulmifolia</i> Lam.	mutamba	tre	Ph	x			Probio, 331
<i>Helicteres heptandra</i> L.B. Sm.	saca-rolha	shr	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 43
<i>Helicteres muscosa</i> Mart.	saca-rolha	shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1320
<i>Luehea uniflora</i> A. St.-Hil.		tre	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 252
<i>Melochia cf. longidentata</i> Goldberg		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 273
<i>Pavonia cancellata</i> (L.) Cav.		sub	Ch	x		x	Probio, 270
<i>Pavonia</i> sp.1		sub	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1559
<i>Pavonia</i> sp.2		sub	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1561
<i>Pavonia</i> sp.3		sub	Ch			x	J.R. Lima, 90
<i>Pseudobombax marginatum</i> (A.St-Hil. Juss. & Cambess.) A. Robyns	embiratanha	tre	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1553
<i>Pseudoabutylon spicatum</i> R. E. Fr.		her	Th	x		x	F.S. Araújo, 1437
<i>Sida ciliaris</i> L.		sub	Ch	x		x	F.S. Araújo, 1514

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<i>Sida galheirensis</i> Ulbr.		sub	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1434
<i>Sida glomerata</i> Cav.		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 56
<i>Sida jussieuana</i> DC.	malva	her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 454
<i>Waltheria brachypetala</i> Turcz.		sub	Ch		x		F.S. Araújo, 1582
<i>Waltheria ferruginea</i> A. St.-Hil.		shr	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 254
<i>Waltheria indica</i> L.		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 261
<i>Waltheria macropoda</i> Turcz.		sub	Ch	x			F.S. Araújo, 1524
<i>Wissadula contracta</i> (Link) R.E.Fr.	paco-paco	her	Th	x	x		Probio, 159
Marantaceae							
<i>Calathea villosa</i> Lindl.		her	Cr		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1459
Meliaceae							
<i>Trichilia elegans</i> A. Juss.		shr	Ph		x	x	J. R. Lima, 31
Menispermaceae							
<i>Cissampelos</i> sp.		lia	Ch		x	x	Probio, 15
Moraceae							
<i>Brosimum gaudichandii</i> Trécul	inharé	tre	Ph			x	Probio, 306
Myrtaceae							
<i>Campomanesia aromatica</i> (Aubl.) Griseb.	guabiraba	shr	Ph		x	x	J. R. Lima, 61
<i>Eugenia</i> aff. <i>dysenterica</i> DC.	jacaré	tre	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1291
<i>Eugenia flavescens</i> DC.		tre	Ph		x	x	R.C. Costa, 14
<i>Eugenia ligustrina</i> (Sw.) Willd.	goiabinha	shr	Ph		x		L.W. Lima-Verde, 988
<i>Eugenia piauhiensis</i> O. Berg.	canela-de-veado	tre	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1392
<i>Eugenia punicifolia</i> (Kunth) DC.	goiabinha	tre	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1391
<i>Eugenia</i> aff. <i>nvalha</i> Cambess.		shr	Ph			x	J. R. Lima, 73
<i>Myrcia acutiloba</i> O. Berg.		shr	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1594
<i>Myrcia gnianensis</i> (Aubl.) DC.		shr	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1102
<i>Myrcia multiflora</i> (Lam.) DC.		shr	Ph			x	R.C. Costa, 318
<i>Myrcia</i> cf. <i>obtectata</i> (O. Berg) Kiaersk.		shr	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 264
<i>Myrcia</i> sp.		shr	Ph			x	R.C. Costa, 241
Nyctaginaceae							
<i>Boerhavia coccinea</i> Mill.	pega-pinto	her	H	x			L.W. Lima-Verde, 1108
<i>Gnapira graciliflora</i> (Schmidt) Lundell	joão-mole	shr	Ph	x	x	x	J.R. Lima, 34

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Ochnaceae							
<i>Ouratea</i> aff. <i>disticha</i> Tiegh		tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 54
<i>Ouratea</i> cf. <i>parvifolia</i> Engl.		tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 53
Olacaceae							
<i>Heisteria</i> sp.		shr	Ph		x	x	Probio 285
<i>Schloepfia</i> sp.		tre	Ph		x	x	Probio 312
<i>Ximenia americana</i> L.	ameixa	shr	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 55
Onagraceae							
<i>Ludwigia erecta</i> (L.) H. Hara		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1540
Opiliaceae							
<i>Agonandra brasiliensis</i> Miers ex Benth. & Hook. f.	pau-marfim	tre	Ph		x	x	M.S. Sobrinho, 294
Oxalidaceae							
<i>Oxalis divaricata</i> Mart. ex Zucc.		sub	Ch	x	x	x	M.S. Sobrinho, 88
<i>Oxalis frutescens</i> L.		sub	Ch		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1460
Passifloraceae							
<i>Passiflora cincinnata</i> Mast.	maracujá	lia	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1480
<i>Passiflora foetida</i> L.	cheira-raposa, maracujá-de- raposa, maracujá-de-estalo	lia	Ch	x			L.W. Lima-Verde, 1210
<i>Piriqueta guianensis</i> N. E. Br.		sub	Ch	x			F.S. Araújo, 1349
<i>Piriqueta sidifolia</i> (A. St.-Hil. & A. Juss. & Cambess.) Urb.		sub	Ch			x	R.C. Costa, 66
<i>Turnera blanchetiana</i> Urb.		shr	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1283
<i>Turnera coerulea</i> Sessé & Moc. ex DC.	chanana	sub	Ch		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1389
<i>Turnera pumilea</i> L.		sub	Ch	x			F.S. Araújo, 1336
<i>Turnera subulata</i> Sm.	chanana	sub	Ch	x			F.S. Araújo, 1340
Plantaginaceae							
<i>Angelonia cornigera</i> Hook.		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1491
<i>Dizygostemon floribundum</i> (Benth.) Radlk ex. Wettst.		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1493
<i>Scoparia dulcis</i> L.	vassourinha	sub	Ch	x			L.W. Lima-Verde, 1193
Phyllanthaceae							
<i>Phyllanthus caroliniensis</i> Walter		her	Th	x			Probio, 202
<i>Phyllanthus niruri</i> L.		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1507
<i>Phyllanthus orbiculatus</i> Rich.		her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 368
<i>Phyllanthus</i> sp.		her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 357

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Plumbaginaceae							
<i>Plumbago scandens</i> L.		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 107
Poaceae							
<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i> L.		her	Th			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 66
<i>Chaetium festucoides</i> Nees		her	Th			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 93
<i>Eragrostis</i> cf. <i>ciliaris</i> (L.) R. Br.		her	Th	x			S.F. Vasconcelos, 1
<i>Lasiacis anomala</i> Hitchc.		her	Th			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 96
<i>Panicum</i> cf. <i>maximum</i> Jacq.		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1403
<i>Panicum sellowii</i> Ness		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1364
<i>Panicum trichoides</i> Sw.	capim	her	Th	x	x	x	R.C. Costa, 433
<i>Paspalum faveolatum</i> Steud.		her	Th	x			S.F. Vasconcelos, s/n
<i>Paspalum plicatulum</i> Michx.	capim	her	Th	x			S. F. Vasconcelos, 1402
<i>Pseudechinolaena</i> sp.		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1440
<i>Setaria geniculata</i> P. Beauv.		her	Th	x			S.F. Vasconcelos, s/n
<i>Setaria pauciflora</i> Linden ex Herrm.		her	Th			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 92
<i>Setaria rariflora</i> J.C. Mikan ex Trin.		her	Th			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 38
<i>Setaria</i> cf. <i>tenax</i> (Rich.) Desv.		her	Th	x			R.C. Costa, 396
<i>Steiraclme diandra</i> Ekman		her	Th		x		F.S. Araújo, 1499
<i>Streptostachys asperifolia</i> Desv.		her	Th		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1307
<i>Urochloa fasciculata</i> (Sw.) R.D. Webster		her	Th	x			L.W. Lima-Verde, 1200
Polygalaceae							
<i>Bredemeyera floribunda</i> Willd.		lia	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1572
<i>Polygala gracilis</i> Kunth		her	Th			x	F.S. Araújo, 1385
<i>Polygala paniculata</i> L.		her	Th		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1384
<i>Polygala violacea</i> Aubl.		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1412
Pontederiaceae							
<i>Heteranthera limosa</i> (Sw.) Willd.		her	Ch	x			F.S. Araújo, 1541
Portulacaceae							
<i>Portulaca pilosa</i> L.	beldroega	her	Th	x			L.W. Lima-Verde, 1205
<i>Talinum paniculatum</i> (Jacq.) Gaertn.		her	Th	x		x	R. C. Costa, 354
<i>Talinum triangulare</i> (Jacq.) Willd.		her	Th	x	x		R. C. Costa, 368
Rhamnaceae							

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<i>Colubrina cordifolia</i> Reissek		shr	Ph		x	x	M.S. Sobrinho, 248
<i>Gouania colurnifolia</i> Reissek		lia	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1577
<i>Ziziphus joazeiro</i> Mart.	juazeiro	tre	Ph	x			F.S. Araújo, 1354
Rubiaceae							
<i>Alibertia myrciifolia</i> Spruce ex K. Schum.		tre	Ph			x	J. R. Lima, 102
<i>Chomelia martiana</i> Müll. Arg.	espinho-judeu	shr	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1452
<i>Diodia</i> cf. <i>barbeyana</i> Huber		her	Th		x	x	Probio, 231
<i>Diodia radula</i> (Willd. ex Roem. & Schult.) Cham. & Schldtl.		sub	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 242
<i>Faramea</i> sp.		tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 104
<i>Guettarda viburnoides</i> Cham. & Schldtl.	genipapo-bravo	shr	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1299
<i>Margaritopsis carrascoana</i> (Delprete & E.B. Souza) C.M. Taylor & E.B. Souza		sub	Ch		x	x	F.S. Araújo, s/n
<i>Richardia grandiflora</i> (Cham. & Schldtl.) Steud.		sub	Ch		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1591
<i>Spermacoce scabiosoides</i> (Cham. & Schldtl.) Kuntze		her	H	x			F.S. Araújo, 1399
<i>Spermacoce verticillata</i> L.		her	H			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 75
<i>Spermacoce</i> sp.		her	Th	x			Probio, 201
<i>Tocoyena formosa</i> (Cham. & Schldtl.) K. Schum.	jenipapo-bravo	shr	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1587
Rutaceae							
<i>Galipea</i> aff. <i>trifoliata</i> Aubl.		tre	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 91
<i>Pilocarpus spicatus</i> Holmes	jaborandi	tre	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1358
<i>Zanthoxylum stelligerum</i> Turcz.	limãozinho	shr	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1592
Salicaceae							
<i>Xylosma ciliatifolia</i> (Clos) Eichler	espinho-de-judeu	tre	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1301
Santalaceae							
<i>Phoradendron</i> sp.		hemip	Ch			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 257
Sapindaceae							
<i>Allophylus</i> cf. <i>sericeus</i> Radlk.	mama-cachorro	shr	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1360
<i>Cardiospermum corindum</i> L.	pau-prá-tudo, laça-vaqueiro, lia chá-de-conhã		Ch	x			F.S. Araújo, 1350
<i>Magonia pubescens</i> A.St.-Hil.	tingui-de-bola	tre	Ph		x	x	F.S. Araújo, 1380
<i>Matayba guianensis</i> Aubl.		tre	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1161

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<i>Paullinia cearensis</i> Somner & Ferrucci		lia	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1304
<i>Paullinia</i> cf. <i>elegans</i> Cambess.		lia	Ph			x	J.R. Lima, 35
<i>Sapindus saponaria</i> L.	sabonete	tre	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1510
<i>Serjania glabrata</i> Kunth		lia	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 290
<i>Serjania lethalis</i> A. St.-Hil.		lia	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1597
<i>Talisia esculenta</i> (A. St.-Hil.) Radlk.	pitomba	tre	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1139
<i>Urvillea laevis</i> Radlk.		lia	Ph			x	M.S. Sobrinho, 234
Sapotaceae							
<i>Chrysophyllum arenarium</i> Allemão		shr	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1180
<i>Chrysophyllum</i> sp.		tre	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1588
<i>Manilkara</i> sp.		tre	Ph			x	F.S. Araújo, 1557
Solanaceae							
<i>Solanum baturitense</i> Huber	jurubeba	shr	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1579
<i>Solanum crinitum</i> Lam.	jurubeba	shr	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1580
Trigoniacae							
<i>Trigonía nivea</i> Cambess.		lia	Ph			x	L.W. Lima-Verde, 1253
Ulmaceae							
<i>Trema micrantha</i> (L.) Blume		tre	Ph		x		F.S. Araújo, 1575
Urticaceae							
<i>Laportea aestuans</i> (L.) Chew		her	Th	x			Probio, 348
Verbenaceae							
<i>Lantana camara</i> L.	camará, chumbinho	shr	Ph	x		x	R.C. Costa, 370
<i>Lantana fucata</i> Lindl.		sub	Ch		x		F.S. Araújo, 1312
<i>Lippia gracilis</i> Schauer		shr	Ph		x		R.C. Costa, 523
<i>Lippia magentea</i> T. Silva		sub	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1292
<i>Stachytarpheta cayennensis</i> (Rich.) Vahl		her	Th	x			F.S. Araújo, 1398
Violaceae							
<i>Hybanthus ipecacualia</i> (L.) Baill.	pepaconha	her	H		x		F.S. Araújo, 1386
Vitaceae							
<i>Cissus gongylodes</i> (Burk ex Baker) Planch.		lia	Ch	x			R.C. Costa, 374
<i>Cissus tinctoria</i> Mart.		lia	Ch			x	F.S. Araújo, 1427